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Annual Report of District Commissioners Submitted to Senate and House.

The annual report of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia was submitted to Congress today. It follows:

WASHINGTON, D. C., November 15, 1915 To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States

of America in Congress assembled:

The Commissioners of the District of Columbia herewith submit for the information of Congress, in accordance with the requirements of section 12 of "An act providing a permanent form of government for the District of Columbia," approved June 11, 1878 (20 Stat., 108), and section 9 of the sundry civil appropriation act approved August 1, 1914, a report of the official doings of the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ended June 30,

This report embraces detailed exhibits of the operations of the several departments and offices of the government of the District of Columbia during that period, which the Commissioners have prefaced with an abstract of their contents, and with suggestions having in view the improvement of the service and conditions under their supervision and control.

Financial.

	STATEMENT A—Consolidate sources, expenditures on a during the fiscal year ende Columbia at the close of s	d statement account of ed June 30, aid fiscal years	nt showing appropriation 1915, and (2) ear.	(1) cash inc ns. trust and the debt of	special fun the District
	Cash account, Balances July 1, 1914. Cash beliance to the credit of disburs		Detail.	Total.	Grand total.
	Cash balance to the credit of disburs the District of Columbia with the the United States on account of tr	frengmet or			THE REAL PROPERTY.
	cal funds Cash balance to credit of freasurer tional Training School for Girls o		\$36,409.56		
	appropriations Cash balances to the credit of the sud special funds in the Treasury		810.31		
	Cash balance in the hands of the	collector of	204,471.45	4-11-1	
	Trust and special funds	1,780.33 173.87	47,598,85		
	Cash balance in the Treasury of States on account of general fund	the United	75.875.24	2007 ter 11	
	Income.			\$365,165.41	
	Revenues collected on account of		-8,041,520,68		
1.00	Amount paid by the United States of the proportion of District of Columbrations payable by the United States of the act of June 11, 1878. Advances for special park improvem Casa sellections on account of trust funds	mb,a appro-	10,011,020,00		
	Advances for special park improvem	ents	. 6,118,015.99		Townson.
	Cash splicetions on account of trust	and special	1.525,360,83		
		KEC -		15,684,912.70	\$16,050,073.11
	Expenditures.				***************************************
	Nat expenditures during the discal year on account of Appropriations	12,606,454.57 1,370,359.46	13,976,814.03	C.	
	States on account of— Washington Market Co. rentals. 1913-14	7,500.00			
	Interest due to adjustment of general fund account. Washington Market Co. rentals, 1878-1914, other than above.	- 75.00			
	Adambées tot sheciai bark im-	158,437.50			
	Montrose Park-				
	Principal	13,750.00			
	Principal Interest for fiscal year 1915, at 3 per cent. Meridian Hill Park	412.50			
	Interest for fixed year	61.250.00			
	1915, at 3 per cent Costs of condemnation of Meridian Hill Park	1,807.50	· 1154		
		1,290.49			
	Interest for fiscal year 1915, at 3 per cent Preedmen's Hospital—For care of patients, 1906- 1915	38.50			
	For care of patients, 1906-	37,996.70			
	Indebtedness, advances, 1877-78, on account of 3.65-bond inter- est, act March 4, 1915.	586,067,23	\$868,635,42		. ,
	en, act marca t, mono				
	Total expenditures for year.			\$14,845,469.45	
	Balances June 30, 1913.				
	Cash balance to the credit of disher with the treasurer of the United S	States on se-			
	Appropriations Trust and special funds	\$10,165,55 15,281,97			
	Cash balance to credit of treasurer tional Training School for Girls or	of the Na-	25,447.52		
	supropriation	*********	6,451,31		

tonet training school for this of account of appropriation

Cash balance in hands of collector of taxes, account of general fund

Cash balances in Treasury of the United States on account of General fund

General fund

20, 1914; mistanding funded debt of the District of Columbia dvances account of special park improve-76,283,29

crease in indebtedness by reason of reimburs-ments required to be made to the United States for— Washington Market Co. rentals, 1878 to 1914. Washington Market Co. rentals, 1912 to 1914. Interest to adjust general fund. Park improvements—costs of endemnation. Freedmen's Hospital—care of p tients, 1908.

duction of debt by reason of cash payments used during the fiscal year 1915 account— Funded debt of the District of Columbia... Belmbursements to the United States as de-tailed above

Balance, bonded debt outstanding June 30, 1915.

Inited States 3 per cent Panama canal bonds in the hands of the treasurer of the United States, account investment sinking fund appropriation.

Net debt June 30, 1915 ...

June 11, 1878, \$6,118,915.99; temporary Payments on the Bonded Debt and advances by the United States on acspecial fund collections, including water fund, \$1,525,360.83. Cash expenditures for the year

At the close of the prior fiscal year, there was paid from appropriations and general fund \$13,475.109.99 and from rust and special funds, including the water fund, \$1,370,259.46.

The approximate for the year standard of the prior fiscal year, and the close of the prior fiscal year, ended June 30, 1914, the District of Columbia owed \$6,939,150 on account of the bonded debt represented by outstanding 2.65 bonds and \$72,822.29

\$12,696,454,57 from appropriations for the expenses of the government of the in the expenditure of \$1,370;

6,223,999,00 Analysis of Receipts and Expendi- 1359.46 from trust and special funds are Analysis of Receipts and Expenditures.

Cash receipts from all sources for the
year, which amounted to \$15.684,912.70,
were made up as follows. From taxes,
licenses and miscellaneous sources,
\$8,941,529.68; amount paid by the United
States as its share of the expenses of
the local government under the act of

6,518,600.00

1,204,600,66 \$16,050,079.11

7,015,430,29

421,150.00

Reimbursements Made to the

United States Under Vari-

ous Acts of Congress. expenditure from the general standing 3.65 bonds and \$76,283.29 as a of \$12,475,109.99 is made up of reimbursement to the United States for advances for Medirian Hill and Mont rose parks; in all, \$7,015,433.29.

During the year sundry acts of Conbe reimbursed to the United States on (Continued on Nineteenth Page.)



REPUBLICANS READY BAILEY TO PUSH SINGLE TAX BILL TO AID PRESIDENT

Democrats Must Not Make Measure Provides Exemption National Defense Party Issue, Says Gallinger.

Senate republicans will make no partisan fight on the administration national defense program if it is not framed by the dication that at least one of the Bailey democrats in caucus. Senator bills will be taken up and pushed vigor-Gallinger, republican leader of ously. This measure is a single tax bill. the Senate, told President Wilson of personal property from taxation. His today that the republicans want other measure, introduced on the opening the army and navy strengthened. day of Congress, but not yet printed, provides for self-government in the District Following a long conference with of Columbia. the President, Senator Gallinger and taxation measure," said Representsaid Mr. Wilson informed him he ative Bailey today; "It is modeled after a would not approve of the demo- law which has been actually put into crats making the defense plans vania cities. I understand that the joint party measures in caucus.

"I agree with the thought in the minds of the President and Secretary Garrison in the preparation of the administration preparedness plan," said Senator Gallinger, "but I have not studied all the details yet.

"The republicans will not treat this matter in a partisan manner, and I so told the President. We will honestly co-operate with the party in power in working out defense plans which will be adequate and sane. But we will not agree to have the democrats frame their plans in caucus and then ask us to approve them."

Committee of Congress is at work on the questions relating to the financial relations of the United States and the District, and that this includes assessment and taxation subjects. However, that committee's, report may not get anywhere, and I am therefore going to work for my bill independently of all other considerations."

This measure reads in the important sections as follows:

Bill for Single Tax.

"That beginning with the year 1916

Question Not Party One. "The question of preparing for the

defense of the nation is not a party one, and the republicans are ready to meet the democrats half way if they sessed value of such property, provided

Advocates Bond Issue. Senator Gallinger advocated a bond issue to provide the money needed by the Treasury. He said he believed the country was taxed heavily enough already. He particularly objected to the tax on automobiles and gasoline proposed by the President, but said that the value of all franchises shall be considered and treated as land values and assessed on the same basis as land values. he had always thought the minimum limit on which incomes are taxed should be lowered. He believed a tax on bank checks would do no harm and would not be felt by the people. He opposed a tax on iron and steel suggested by the President. He did not favor taking off any of the taxes now being collected, and wants to see the duty on sugar remain as it is. should be lowered.

Delay Introduction of Bills.

a conference today Chairme ommittees of Congress decided not t introduce bills they have prepared at this time, but to submit them informally to the committees for deliberation. "If we should introduce them now they might be construed as partisan measures," Senator Chamberlain said.

Dr. Ryan Reaches Switzerland.

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, December 8 -Dr. Edward W. Ryan, chief of th American Red Cross in Serbia for many months, has arrived here. Dr. Ryan states that he will make a tour of France, England and Italy to obtain aid for the relief work in Serbia and then will rejoin the Serbian army in Albania.

Bulgars and Germans Concenfor All Personal Property

From Taxation Here.

committee of Congress is at work on the questions relating to the financial rela-

an annual charge of five per centum for depreciation shall be made against all improvements in said District, this further that in addition to the amount Senator Gallinger disagreed with the President on his plans for previding a merchant marine for the country and for raising the money necessary for preparedness. When the administration shipping bill is introduced, Senator Gallinger said, he will offer as a substitute a shipping bill he has prepared. The republican party, he added, has always believed in the feature of the administration bill providing that the merchant marine be used as naval auxillaries in time of war. jewelry, horses and other domestic animals, carriages, automobiles, books,

government bill, introduced at the opening of Congress, was written after consultation with Thomas E. Will of this city. It provides for an election of the District Commissioners.

ATTEMPT TO WRECK TRAIN.

Pennsylvania Railroad Officials Are Investigating Plot Against Flyer. STEUBENVILLE, Ohio, December Pennsylvania railroad officials today were investigating an attempt made

last night to wreck their fast St. Louisto-New York train No. 32 at the entrance to tunnel No. 7 near Uniontown. Five minutes before the flyer was due a track walker discovered a three-ton with heavy chains. Using boulders to

BIG BATTLE RAGES ON SOIL OF SERBIA

trating to Crush Army of Entente Allies.

LONDON, December 8, 12:12 p.m.—With the Serbian armies in confirmatory of the report received by retreat behind the Albanian and London Lloyds, that the oil tanker Montenegrin frontiers, it is re- today by the Standard Oil offices here. ported the bulk of the German This message stated that the Comand Bulgarian armies is being last and would sail for New York

progress there for the last few

French Defeat Not Confirmed.

troops have been forced definitely to abandon the positions held by them since the beginning of the campaign. The fall of Monastir and the southward progress of German and Bulgarian forces, however, have placed the northern wing of the French expedition in a precarious situation, and withdrawal from the angle formed by the Vardar and Cerna rivers appar-

service at Paris says:
"Our troops counter troops counter attacked the

are incumbered with large numbers of ivilians and prisoners, and according o some reports have been set upon by

to some reports have been set upon by Albanians.
The latest dispatches state that the French are bringing heavy guns into action in the Strumitza section, causing the Bulgarians to retire with heavy losses. A battle of large proportions between the Bulgarian and Franco-British troops appears to be pending.

DISCUSSES RURAL CHURCHES. Gov. Willis of Ohio in Address De-

plores Their Decline. COLUMBUS, Ohio, December 8 .- De-

cline of the rural churches was deplored by Gov. Frank B. Willis here today in an address of welcome before the opening session of the conference sixty-foot steel rail bound to the tracks of the commission on church and coun

with heavy chains. Using boulders to break the chains, he managed to clear the obstruction just as the train whistled for the tunnel.

Company officials do not credit the robbery theory, but think disgruntled trackmen, recently discharged may have planned the wreck for revenge.

FATE OF AMERICAN **VESSEL REPORTED** SUNK IS IN DOUBT Secretary Redfield Declares

Oil Steamer Communipaw Rumored Torpedoed Off Coast of Tripoli.

AT ALEXANDRIA MONDAY. ACCORDING TO DISPATCH

Italian and Greek Ships, Searching Vicinity, Fail to Find Trace of Disaster.

Petrolite, Owned by Same Company,

Said to Have Been Attacked in Mediterranean on Sunday.

LONDON, December 8, 12:47 p.m.-A telegram from Alexandria, Egypt, received today by

some confusion has arisen in regard to the identity of the vessel

of the Communipaw is substan-

The point at which the Communipaw

concentrated against the allied armies holding the southeast corner of Serbia.

He is an enemy of national commerce who would seek to do it in a parochial strom of the Communipaw, and was given out by David T. Warden, manager of the foreign shipping department of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey.

He is an enemy of national commerce who would seek to do it in a parochial way.

"The act, purpose and spirit of local portion of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey.

Jersey.

"We are anxiously awaiting word from our vessel, the Petrolite," said Mr. Warden, "but have received no news except what we saw in the papers."

Whether a mistake has been made in the Communication for redeed There is no confirmation of hints or whether she was torpedoed after from various sources that the French leaving Alexandria on her home voy-troops have been forced definitely to age Standard Oil officials can only con-

American registry.

The Communpaw, formerly named the Deutschland, was a three-masted steel steamer. She left New York October 27 for Alexandria, Egypt, but was detained at Genoa by the Italian authorities until December 2.

British Warships Searching.

for Definite Information About the Communipaw

Conflicting dispatches from Rome and London as to the American tank steamer Communipaw, one reporting her sunk off Tobruk, Tripoli, the othe announcing her arrival at Alexandria, Egypt, left officials here in suspense, Official., advices. from Ambassador (Continued on Seventeenth Page.)

RIVER AND HARBOR

"Pork" Joke Is Injurious to Movement.

GERMANY IS CITED AS MODEL FOR THE U. S.

Senator Ransdell Would Balk Railroads From Undermining Water Transportation Rates.

Success will meet the advocates of rivers and harbors improvement only when the "pork' FIVE OF CREW U. S. CITIZENS joke is taken wholly out of the GOES TO CONSULT EMPEROR movement, Secretary Redfield told the delegates at the opening Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg Making of the twelfth annual convention of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress at the New Willard today. He told them that they had a national project, and they should take the parochial idea out

dria, Egypt, received today by Lloyds, says that the American steamship Communipaw, reported in a Rome dispatch last night to have been sunk off Tobruk, Tripoli, by a submarine, arrived at Alexandria Monday.

It is inferred that possibly some confusion has arisen in re-

Points Cut "Weak Link"

Habitual use of the work "pork" i If the report of the torpedoing has been the weak link in the efforts William C. Redfield of the Department tiated she must have discharged of Commerce told the rivers and harher cargo of oil and have been on bors delegates in opening their conthe way to another port when at- harbors development had gotten away

The point at which the Communipaw is said to have been sunk corresponds closely to the position of the American, tank ship Petrolite when it was attacked by a submarine Sunday, actording to a report received yesterday. The announcement from Rome of the torpedoing of the Communipaw said she, had been sunk near Tobruk, Tripoli. The position of the Petrolite was given as off the southeast coast of the Island of Crete. The island lies directly north of Tripoli, about 200 miles from the African coast.

New York Gets Confirmation.

New York Gets Confirmation.

New York December 8.—A dispatch from Alexandria, Egypt, apparently confirmatory of the report received by London Lloyds, that the oil tanker

Bigger Than Any District.

"Your cause is bigger than any disone stream or harbor. It is of self-interest as a whole to a national people

"The act, purpose and spirit of local 'pork' should be separated from such a Secretary Redfield said the best argument against the charge that the railroads were retarding waterway development was the Hudson river, large fleet of daily boats, although flanked on one side by a four-track system and on the other one of two

Too Slow to Reach Scene.

The Communipaw could make only nine knots an hour, Mr. Warden said, and assuming she left Alexandria yesterday or even Monday, she could not have gone 350 miles to a point near Tobruk, Tripoli, off where the original Where there is direct water trans-

cable dispatch from Rome said the ship had been struck. This dispatch was filed at Rome at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday, the day the Standard Oil had been advised that the allies have no intention of abandoning their efforts in this region.

Montenegrins Fight Desperately.

Although the Germans have an nounced the capture of Ipek, Montenegro nounced the capture of Ipek, Montenegro nounced the capture of Ipek, Montenegro are evidently are confronted with a harder task on the Montenegrin from tier than elsewhere.

The Montenegrins continue to offer spirited resistance and to check the Invaders wherever possible by sharp counter attacks. An official statement issued through the Montenegrin consults of the with about twelty other oil steamers. They were transferred to American register.

Cable dispatch from Rome said the ship had been struck. This dispatch was filed at Rome at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday, the day the Standard oil had been advised the communipaw left Alexandria.

Saying that the country was more or less in the position of an unbalanced of the boys in the corn clubs should take up the work of their sons and would be equal to the task of handling bequilt to the task of handling the country that would not be captured in the country that would not be captured to the said of handling the fraight. There would not be enough cars to handle the business.

"The world did not understand this," the rillroad and the waterway each has its proper place in relation one to the other. Without both the nation would not get along at all.

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Development of the railroad has served to retard waterways development in this other European countries, including the country, according to Col. C. McD. Townsend, Engineer Corps, U. S. A. While von Payer said, was exceedingly satis-the water ways remain undeveloped, rail-factory. It had become apparent during roads grew up and factories were placed the war that England was poorer and send, Engineer Corps, U. S. A. While Orderly Retreat Difficult.

In Albania the Serbians, who had been compelled to leave behind quantities of war materials, appear incapable of organized resistance. Even an orderly ganized resistance. Even an orderly communicate by cable.

The Petrolite left New York November 7 for Alexandria with a cargo of oil. According to Mr. Warden, she had discharged her cargo and was on the return voyage when attacked. No respont is expected from her captain until he touches at a port whence he can communicate by cable.

British Warships Searching.

ROME, December 7, 10:50 p.m.—The British authorities have given orders that the squadron of warships at Malta and the Egyptian squadron give chase to the submarine reported to have sunk the Communipaw.

A search by two steamers, one a Greek and the other Italian, at the spot near Tobruk, Tripoli, where the Communipaw is reported to have been sunk failed to reveal any sign of the tank ship or of survivors. These steamers were sent out as soon as word was received at Tobruk that a ship had been sunk.

State Department Waits

for Definite Information would use water transportation.

Municipalities Held Responsible. Failure of the development of the

navigable streams of the country today vas placed squarely on the shoulders of nunicipalities by former Gov. A. O. Eber "The failure to make proper use of the navigable streams of the country," he said, "is chargeable to the munici-

CHANCES OF PEACE CONVENTION IS ON THEME ENGROSSING **GERMANIC POWERS**

ONE CENT.

Feverish Interest in Coming Speech of German Imperial Chancellor.

READY TO END THE WAR WHEN FOES OWN DEFEAT

Belief Prevails That Entente Allies Have Not Yet Reached That Stage.

Careful Preparation for His Statement to the Reichstag.

AMSTERDAM, via London, December 8.—Dispatches from Berlin state that Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German imperial chancellor, has gone to confer with Emperor William at

army headquarters. It is said that the purpose of his visit is to discuss with the emperor the details of the chapcellor's coming speech in the reichstag, which is awaited with feverish interest by the public.

Public Interest Is Keen.

eichstag, and the coming statement is the subject of universal speculation Germany's intentions regarding the are the chief topics upon which the

Hungarian Peace Views.

A long speech delivered by Count the possibility of peace, according to a at the earliest possible moment. I am

"If, despite these considerations, I de not now espouse definite action toward peace, the reason is that I am convinced that the time is not yet ripe The fact that on the other side I do not perceive any sign of a possibility prevents me from all actions toward

offer in the present circumstances little promise of an early peace."

Foes Do Not Admit Defeat.

BERLIN, December 8, by wireless to Sayville, N. Y .- In an address before convention of the progressive people's party the president, Friedrich von Payer, a member of the reichstag raised the question whether Germany.

Asquith Gives No Pledge.

LONDON, December 8, 3:44 p.m.-"1: proposals of a serious character for a enemy governments, either directly or

FRENCH LOSE TRENCHES IN CHAMPAGNE DISTRICT

BERLIN, December 8, via London, 3:06 p.m.—Capture of a French posi-tion more than 500 yards in length on Hill No. 193, north of Souaine in the Champagne district, is announced by German army headquarters today.